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Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary

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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ patent owner 2) ☐ patent owner's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: "Bell System Technical Journal" 1979 Volume 58

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: 31 - 51.


Identification of prior art discussed: Labadz et al. (US Patent No 4,654,867) O'Sullivan (US Patent 4,697,281, Re 34,034, and Re 37,141).

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:
See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the prior art and specification with regards to the rejections. Applicant stated a formal response would shortly follow. Examiner requested "Bell System Technical Journal" 1979 Volume 58 be included in the next IDS to be reviewed. Applicant also requested status of application 10/141,880. Examiner agreed to follow-up on that case's status when it became known. Applicant also requested that the formal notice of allowance be made available as soon as possible and that the issue fee could be paid immediately there upon. Applicant also questioned if there was still means to expedite issuance of cases. Examiner agreed to follow-up on the noted questions as information became available.